(d) what is the expected time of completion of the work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL). (a) Yes, Madam.

(b) The scheduled date of commencement of construction and the expected date of completion were 1 1 84 and 1.1 85 respectively, as per the work order issued

(c) and (d) The total construction involves 5 platforms of which construction over 3 platforms has been completed and the construction over the fourth is in an advanced stage of completion The construction over the fifth is expected to be completed by March, 1987. The construction had to be taken up in a phased mannor since the available space is also used for keeping material and as such the site was available in part at a time

Construction of working shed and parking site at Ordnance factory, Jabalpur

2275 SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI. Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that construction of Hard standing, washing shed and parking site at Ordnance Factory, Jabalpur, in Madhya Pradesh, which was expected to be completed by October, 1985, is still in progress,

(b) if so, what are the reasons for delay in this regard, and

(c) by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL). (a) Yes, Madam.

The construction of Hard standing| washing shed|parking site at Vehicle Factory Jabalpur in Madhya Pradesh was expected to be completed by 4 Dec. 85 as per the Administrative Approval issued on 4.8 83. The work is still under progress.

(b) The site is an active area of the factory and has to be concurrently used for production purposes

(c) It is likely to be completed by 31 3 87.

Offer of F-20 technologies for the light Combat aircraft by Mls. Northrop of U S.

2276. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether M|s. Northrop of US have offered F-20 technologies for India's Light Combat Aircraft, as reported in the Indian Express of 23rd August, 1986; if so, whether any deal has been finalised if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) when the Light Combat Aircraft is likely to come out of production lines and the nature of costs involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH) (a) No, Sir

(b) Delivery of production aircraft is likely to commence by 1994 It is premature at this stage to give a break up of aircraft costs

Starting of Janavani programme for State Governments

2277 SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state.

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to start Janavani programme for the State Governments where the facilities of regional TV Centres and Studios are existing; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) The present plan of inter-

view in the Janavani programme for telecast over the national network of Doordarshan

After the present scheme is implemented the reactions|responses of the viewers will be studied and assessment made about the need, if any, for introducing this programme on Doordarshan Kendras in various States

Freedom Fighters' pensions to Goa, Dadra and Nagar Haveli freedom fighters

2278 SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to grant freedom fighters' pensions to the freedom fighters of Goa and Dadra and Nagar Haveli, and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI) (a) and (b) Central Government's Scheme of Pension to freedom fighters namely 'Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme' is applicable to both the Union Territories and eligible freedom fighters are given pension In the Union Territory of Goa, Daman and Diu there is another pension scheme namely Goa, Daman and Diu Freedom Fighters Welfare Rules under which pension is given to freedom fighters This Scheme has further been liberalised in May, 1986.

Setting up of earth stations

2279 SHRI KALPNATH RAI Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) what are the names of places in the country where earth stations have been established so far;

(b) to what uses these stations are being put, and

(c) what are the details of plans to establish more earth stations and the time-targets for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV) (a) Satellite Earth stations at following places in the country have been established so far for domestic satellite communication —

(i) 29 earth stations have been set up by Department of Telecom at Delhi, Bombay Calcutta, Madras, Shillong, Jalandhar, Jaipur, Lucknow, Patna, Ahmedabad, Hyderabad, Ernakulam, Bhubneshwar, Aijwal, Imphal, Itanagar, Kohima Agartala, Gangtok, Port Blair, Car Nicobar, Kavaratty, Mini Coy, Bhuj, Panjim, Jodhpur, Srinagar, Leh & Kulu

(ii) Five earth stations have been set up for public sector undertakings at urban & Offshore station (ONGC), Manakpur & Bangalore (ITI) and Vijaipur (NFL) Two earth stations have been set up by Videsh Sanchar Nigam Ltd for international satellite communication. (i) Arvi (Pune) and (ii) Lachiwala (Dehradun)

(b) These stations are being used for providing national and international long distance trunk telephone connections as well as national and internationa lteevision coverage *via* satellite.

(c) Following plans have been drawn up to establish additional earth stations in the country in the 7th Plan —

(i) 10 Transportable earth stations

(ii) 18 earth stations in the remote backward and hilly areas of the country.